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ATTENTION OF

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WALLA WALLA DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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September 20, 2012

Operations Division

Chris Gebhardt
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Dear Chris Gebhardt,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) (in coordination with the Nez Perce Tribe) are working on the annual status report (Report) required by Section 31 of the Federal Facility Compliance Agreement (FFCA) for the Dworshak Fish Hatchery. USACE and USFWS are requesting a 30 day extension for submitting the Report to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 10, under Paragraph 52 of the FFCA.

The Report is currently due to EPA by September 30, 2012. USACE and USFWS are requesting a 30 day extension to submit the Report (October 30, 2012). The extension is requested due to the emergency transfer of fish (Chinook) from Clearwater Hatchery because of the water supply line sheering off at the intake above Dworshak dam in the reservoir. USACE and USFWS personnel have been very busy coordinating the transfer (and other work) and unable to complete the Report. We do not believe there is any other projected timetable, deadline, or schedule that would be affected by this extension.

The deadline for the Report in the FFCA is September 7, 2012. However, in FFCA meetings prior to signing, Larry Peltz (prior Hatchery Manager) suggested a due date of the end of the fiscal year, because it lines up with funding years and we all expected the FFCA to be signed by the end of the Fiscal year 2011. I believe the group was in agreement with the end of the fiscal year being the Report due date.

USACE and USFWS are still striving to reach the September 30th report deadline and we believe it's possible to have the Report to EPA, signed and notarized, by the end of the week of October 12th. The October 30th extension request gives us a bit of a cushion. USACE and USFWS greatly appreciate EPA's assistance in this matter.

Please contact me at (509) 527-7121 if you have additional questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Damian Walter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Damian Walter
Walla Walla District ECC



FFCA Extension request (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Chris:

Based on our phone conversation please see the attached annual report extension request. If you need anything further, please let me know.

Sincerely;
Damian

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